

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1           1.     A method comprising:  
2           displaying information in a display window of a computing device; and  
3           indicating whether the information is scrollable by activating a human perceivable  
4     stimulus.

1           2.     The method recited in claim 1 wherein, in indicating, the human perceivable  
2     stimulus is from the group comprising a light, a sound, and a physical movement.

1           3.     The method recited in claim 1 wherein, in indicating, the human perceivable  
2     stimulus is from the group comprising activation of a light, a change in light intensity, a  
3     change in light color, a change in light location, a change in a light blinking pattern, activation  
4     of a legend, a change in a legend, activation of a sound, a change in a sound, activation of a  
5     physical movement, and a change in a physical movement.

1           4.     The method recited in claim 1 wherein, in indicating, the human perceivable  
2     stimulus comprises a light emanating from a light source, the light source being turned on if  
3     the information is scrollable, and the light source being otherwise off.

1           5.     The method recited in claim 1 wherein, in indicating, the human perceivable  
2     stimulus comprises a light emanating from a light source proximate to a scroll control  
3     element, the light source being turned on if the information is scrollable, and the light source  
4     being otherwise off.

1           6.     The method recited in claim 1 wherein, in indicating, the human perceivable  
2     stimulus comprises a light emanating from a first light source proximate to a horizontal scroll

3 control element, the first light source being turned on if the information is horizontally  
4 scrollable, and the first light source being otherwise off, and wherein the human perceivable  
5 stimulus further comprises a light emanating from a second light source proximate to a  
6 vertical scroll control element, the second light source being turned on if the information is  
7 vertically scrollable, and the second light source being otherwise off.

1 7. The method recited in claim 6 wherein, in indicating, the first light source, the  
2 second light source, the horizontal scroll control wheel, and the vertical scroll control wheel  
3 are elements of a pointing device.

1 8. A method comprising:  
2 displaying information in a plurality of display windows of a computing device;  
3 detecting a control signal from a user interface element from the group comprising a  
4 cursor position, a pointing device, a key, a button, a touch-sensitive screen, or a combination  
5 thereof, the control signal representing the selection of a specific display window; and  
6 indicating whether the information in the specific display window is scrollable by  
7 activating a human perceivable stimulus.

1 9. The method recited in claim 8 wherein, in indicating, the human perceivable  
2 stimulus is from the group comprising a light, a sound, and a movement.

1 10. The method recited in claim 8 wherein, in indicating, the human perceivable  
2 stimulus comprises a light emanating from a light source, the light source being turned on if  
3 the information is scrollable, and the light source being otherwise off.

1 11. The method recited in claim 8 wherein, in indicating, the human perceivable  
2 stimulus comprises a light emanating from a light source proximate to a scroll control  
3 element, the light source being turned on if the information is scrollable, and the light source  
4 being otherwise off.

1           12.     The method recited in claim 8 wherein, in indicating, the human perceivable  
2 stimulus comprises a light emanating from a first light source proximate to a horizontal scroll  
3 control wheel, the first light source being turned on if the information is horizontally  
4 scrollable, and the first light source being otherwise off, and wherein the human perceivable  
5 stimulus further comprises a light emanating from a second light source proximate to a  
6 vertical scroll control wheel, the second light source being turned on if the information is  
7 vertically scrollable, and the second light source being otherwise off.

1           13.     The method recited in claim 12 wherein, in indicating, the first light source, the  
2 second light source, the horizontal scroll control wheel, and the vertical scroll control wheel  
3 are elements of a pointing device.

1           14.     A computing device including a memory to store information and a computer  
2 program, and a user interface including a display, the computing device executing the  
3 computer program comprising the operations of:  
4           displaying information in a window of the display; and  
5           indicating whether the information is scrollable by activating a human perceivable  
6 stimulus.

1           15.     The computing device recited in claim 14 wherein, in indicating, the computer  
2 program comprises the operation of turning on a light if the information is scrollable, and  
3 otherwise not turning on the light.

1           16.     The computing device recited in claim 14 and further including a scroll control  
2 element and a light proximate to the scroll control element and wherein, in indicating, the  
3 computer program comprises the operation of turning on the light if the information is  
4 scrollable, and otherwise not turning on the light.

1           17.     The computing device recited in claim 14 wherein the computing device  
2 comprises a horizontal scroll control element and a vertical scroll control element, and

3 wherein, in indicating, the computer program comprises the operation of turning on a first  
4 light proximate to the horizontal scroll control element if the information is horizontally  
5 scrollable, and wherein the computer program further comprises the operation of turning on a  
6 second light proximate to the vertical scroll control element if the information is vertically  
7 scrollable.

1 18. The computing device recited in claim 14 wherein the computer program  
2 further comprises the operation of determining that a user of the computing device is focusing  
3 on a specific display window, and wherein, in indicating, the computer program comprises the  
4 operation of turning on a light if the information in the specific display window is scrollable,  
5 and otherwise not turning on the light.

1 19. The computing device recited in claim 18 wherein, in indicating, the computer  
2 program comprises the operation of turning on the light proximate to a scroll control element  
3 if the information in the specific display window is scrollable, and otherwise not turning on  
4 the light.

1 20. The computing device recited in claim 18 wherein, in determining, the  
2 computer program comprises the operation of detecting a control signal from a user interface  
3 element from the group comprising a cursor position, a pointing device, a key, a button, a  
4 touch-sensitive screen, or a combination thereof.

1 21. A computer network including a computing device having a user interface  
2 including a display, and a remote computing device, the computer network executing a  
3 computer program residing on the remote computing device comprising the operations of:  
4 displaying information in a display window of the computing device; and  
5 indicating whether the information is scrollable by activating a human perceivable  
6 stimulus.

1           22.     The computer network recited in claim 21 wherein, in indicating, the computer  
2 program comprises the operation of turning on a light if the information is scrollable, and  
3 otherwise not turning on the light.

1           23.     The computer network recited in claim 21 wherein the computing device  
2 further comprises a scroll control element, and wherein, in indicating, the computer program  
3 comprises the operation of turning on a light proximate to the scroll control element if the  
4 information is scrollable, and otherwise not turning on the light.

1           24.     The computer network recited in claim 21 wherein the computing device  
2 comprises a horizontal scroll control element and a vertical scroll control element, and  
3 wherein, in indicating, the computer program comprises the operation of turning on a first  
4 light proximate to the horizontal scroll control element if the information is horizontally  
5 scrollable, and wherein the computer program further comprises the operation of turning on a  
6 second light proximate to the vertical scroll control element if the information is vertically  
7 scrollable.

1           25.     An article comprising a machine-accessible medium having associated  
2 instructions, wherein the instructions, when accessed, result in a machine performing:  
3         displaying information in a display window of a computing device; and  
4         indicating whether the information is scrollable by activating a human perceivable  
5 stimulus.

1           26.     The article recited in claim 25 wherein the computing device comprises a light,  
2 and wherein the instructions, when accessed by the machine, result in the machine performing  
3 the operation of turning on the light if the information is scrollable, and otherwise not turning  
4 on the light.

1           27.     The article recited in claim 25 wherein the computing device further comprises  
2 a scroll control element and a light proximate to the scroll control element, and wherein the

3 instructions, when accessed by the machine, result in the machine performing the operation of  
4 turning on the if the information is scrollable, and otherwise not turning on the light.

1 28. The article recited in claim 25 wherein the computing device comprises a  
2 horizontal scroll control element, a first light proximate to the horizontal scroll control  
3 element, a vertical scroll control element, and a second light proximate to the vertical scroll  
4 control element, and wherein, in indicating, the computer program comprises the operation of  
5 turning on the first light if the information is horizontally scrollable, and wherein the  
6 computer program further comprises the operation of turning on the second light if the  
7 information is vertically scrollable.